

## What I Did While on Summer Vacation



50 State Summit on Public Safety  
Two Days in Washington DC  
November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2017

Visit to Camp Hill Corrections Institution  
Camp Hill, PA  
November 15<sup>th</sup> 2017

# Camp Hill Correctional Institution (CHCI) in Camp Hill, PA

Two hour drive (117 miles) from Washington, DC



# Camp Hill Correctional Institution

52 Acres

3,272 Beds - Roughly 250 Vermonters in two units (one full). \$27k/yr each.

Nearly all in 2 per cell units. A few in Mental Health unit. Two in 'Serious Mental Health' unit



## Daily Routine

- 6:15 to 6:35 – **Count** and Showers
- 7:10 to 7:30 – Mealtime - staggered, very controlled
- 7:35 to 7:50 – Medication Lines
- 8:00 – Yard/Chapel Lines (M, T, W, Th, Sat)
- 9:00 – Activities Lines
  - Not all available. Wait lists.
- 9:30 – Chapel Lines (T, W, Th, Fri, Sat)
- 9:50 – Yard Ends
- Lock Down
- 11:15 – 11:35 Mealtime
- 12:30 – **Count** (in room, light on, standing)
- 13:00 – Activity/Education Lines
- 13:30 – Chapel Lines (M, T, Th, F, Sun)
- 14:20 – Yard Lines
- 14:30 – Chapel Lines (T, Th, F)
- 14:45 – Activities/Insulin, Medication lines
- 15:00 – Yard Halftime/Chapel Lines (M, W, Th, Sat)
- 15:45 – Yard Returns
- 16:00 – **Count**
- 16:30 – 16:50 Mealtime
- 18:00 – Dayroom (M, T, W, Th, F)
- 18:30 – Medication Lines
- 19:00 – Halftime (?)
- 20:00 – Dayroom/Activities end
- 21:00 – **Count**



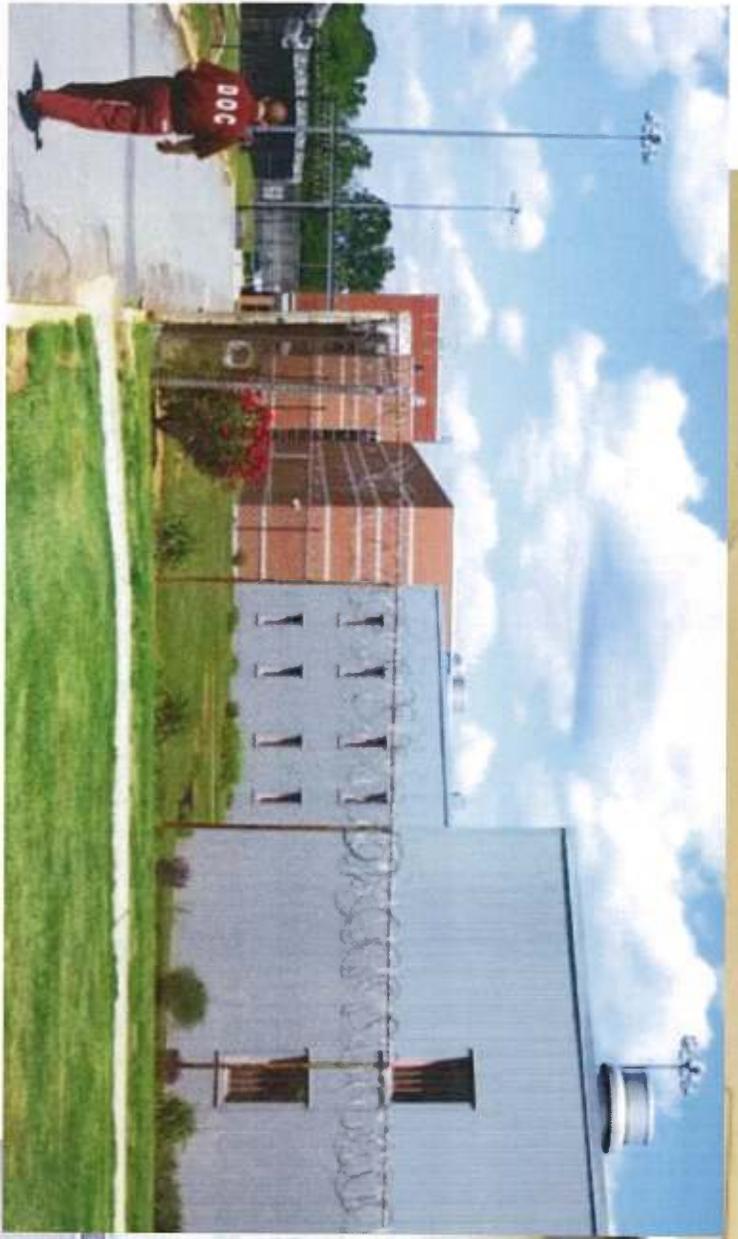
Camp Hill cell similar to those used by Vt inmates



Camp Hill unit  
similar to one used  
by Vt inmates

Checked at night every half hour, Counts 3 times must see flesh

- **Impressions**
  - Professional
  - Very structured
- **Vermont Inmate Remarks**
  - Too many lock downs.
    - In cells for counts (4 or 5 a day) standing with light on
    - Every half hour at night – must see flesh
  - Not enough jobs
    - Superintendent agrees. Not enough for PA inmates
    - Laundry service outsourced
  - Hard to get into the activities
    - Sign up and wait list
    - But
      - Inmates sign up for a lot but don't go
  - No mention of abuse
- **Remarks by PA Corrections people**
  - Early rough spots with Vt. DOC but better now
    - Postage for envelopes
  - Vt expects fast action. PA is much bigger facility
- **My Remarks**
  - Staff very cooperative – Encouraged to talk to inmates
  - Most programming after return to Vt., but some.



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Two nights at Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill paid for by Council of State Governments (CSG). CSG is funded by fees paid by each state.

- **John Wetzel – PA Secretary Department of Corrections**
  - “We are responsible for the future of our inmates.”
  - Double digit reduction in recidivism
  - Talk of ‘Behavior Health’
  - 70% to 80% suffer from some form of addiction (?)
  - “If you fall through the cracks in other systems, you end up in prison”
    - Fix the cracks
    - Real Data
  - “Honor the victim by having the perpetrator have no more victims.”
- **Marshall Clement – Council of State Governments, Justice Center**
  - The overall trends are good but we need to look closer
    - Where are the crimes happening?
    - What type of crimes?

## **Panel Discussion – Law Enforcement Challengers and What Works**

- *Moderator: Darrel Stephens – Executive Director of Major Cities Chief Assoc.*
  - *Chief U. Renee Hall, Dallas Police Dept.*
  - *Chief J. Thomas Manger , Montgomery, MD Police Dept.*
  - *Chief Anthony Campbell, New Haven CY Police Dept.*
- **Takeaways:**
  - Don't need more police, need more training and education and emphasis on prevention.
  - Middle School is the key. Need good role models and more social workers at that grade level.
  - Early education as well.
  - More and better re-entry programs
  - Immigration Reform that does not discourage people from reporting crimes

## Panel Discussion – Mental Illness and Addiction in Criminal Justice

- *Moderator: Dr. Fred Osher - Council of State Governments Justice Center*
  - *Lynda Zeller – Dep. Dir. Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, MI Dept. of Health and Human Services*
  - *Dr. Valerie Arkoosh, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners*
  - *Kieran Hurley, Director of Criminal Justice Services, CareSource*
- **Takeaways:**
  - **Need**
    - Better screening, Access to services, Better services
    - Collaboration between police and services
  - **Better communication**
    - Corrections is ‘action oriented’. **DO SOMETHING!**
    - Behavior Health people want to talk it out.
  - **Need crisis centers that are not the ER or prison.**
  - **“Sequential Enforcement Mapping”**
  - **Move prison work to mental health**
  - **Call centers to deploy police and mobile crisis unit.**
  - **“Inreach” – Bring services into the prison**
  - **“Trauma informed care”**
    - **“What’s happened to you?” vs. “What’s wrong with you?”**
  - **“Peer recovery support” for police**
  - ***Universal Behavior Health Consent Form* to enable sharing medical and behavior information.**

## Breakout Panel – Behavior Health and the Front End

- *Moderator: Dr. Richard Cho - Council of State Governments Justice Center*
  - *Rep. Clarke Tucker - Arkansas*
  - *Deborah Blalock – Exec. Dir. Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center SC*
  - *Sheriff Michael Reese – Multnomah County, OR*
  - *Dr. Valerie Arkoosh, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners*
- **Takeaways:**
  - Shortage of Behavior Health Services
  - People arrested because there's no place to take them
  - 'Warm Handoff' – don't just kick them out
  - Need Crisis Stabilization Units
  - Housing with Wrap Around Services
  - For Legislators
    - Make laws
    - Facilitate conversations
    - Educate – “Prayer is not the answer.”
    - Stress that innovations save money, help citizens and keep us safe
  - Have someone from Behavior Health in probation office
  - Bring Community Health and Probation people together
  - Never enough mental health professionals

## **Lunch – Panel Discussion on Connecting Policy Makers with Victims**

- *Introduction: Darlene Hutchinson Biehl, US Office of Victims of Crime*
- *Moderator: Suzanne Brown-McBride - Council of State Governments Justice Center*
  - *Glenn E Martin – JustLeadershipUSA*
  - *Scott Semple – Commissioner of Corrections, CT*
  - *Jeff Dion – National Center for Victims of Crime*
- **Take Aways**
  - Ceremony when you're sentenced but no ceremony when you come out.
  - 95% of inmates will return to society at some time.

## **Panel Discussion on Recidivism-Reduction**

- *Introduction: Anne Barbee, Council of State Governments Justice Center*
- *Moderator: John Tilly - Sec. Justice and Public Safety, KY*
  - *Dr. Edward Latessa – University of Cincinnati School of Criminal Justice*
  - *Kathy Water, Adult Probation Services, AZ Supreme Court*
  - *Bryan Collier – Dept. of Criminal Justice – TX*
- **Take Aways**
  - “You can teach a criminal to balance checkbook, but then what do you have? A criminal that can balance a checkbook.”
  - “Probation officers are trained to be referees. We need them to also be trained as coaches.”
  - We know what needs to be done. The challenge is implementation.
    - Need leadership – Educate policy makers

## **Breakout Panel – Evidence Based Programs**

- Take Aways
  - Employment – Felony Expungement
  - Looking at Certification requirements that exclude felons. There are 70 million people with felony records.
  - Workforce is decimated by addiction and criminalization
  - What are the Best Practices?
  - Everyone wants evidence base programs but it's hard to tell what those really are..
  - Vermont mentioned – Circle of Support

## **Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin – Prioritizing Criminal Justice Policy**

- Very good speaker – more inspirational
  - Most people have 1 degree of separation with Corrections – Check this.
  - Changing the felony theft threshold

## **Closing Remarks for First Day**

### **Kevin Kempf – Association of State Corrections Administrators**

- “The song has changed, so should the dance.”

## Day 2: Opening Remarks – Doug Hoelscher – Special Assistant to the President

### Panel Discussion: Strategies to Reduce Costs

- *Introduction: Marshall Clement - Council of State Governments Justice Center*
- *Moderator: Adam Geib – Pew Charitable Trust*
  - *Justice Michael Boggs – Georgia Supreme Court*
  - *Gerald Malloy – State Senator, SC*
  - *Jefferson S Dunn, Commissioner, Alabama Dept. of Corrections*
  - *Anne Precythe, Director of Missouri Dept. of Corrections*
- Take Aways
  - Used to be: To reduce crime, send more people to prison, but that has changed
  - Increased knowledge about what works and what doesn't
  - Success is proven
  - Goals is to reduce “low risk property and drug offenders”
  - More Accountability Courts
  - Reduce probation violations with “Graduated Sanctions”
  - Modernize Parole Decisions because parole boards are risk averse
    - Give them the data they need, “risk needs assessment.”
  - “Maxout Issue” – One in five released without supervision.
  - “Take the ‘P’ out of Partisanship and Politics and put it in People”
  - “Change inmates from tax burdens to tax payers.”

## **Rob Rosenstein – Deputy U.S. Attorney General**

- Resources are always limited – Focus on intelligent and efficient

## **Breakout session – Holding People Accountable through Supervised Violation Policies and Practices**

- *Moderator: Bree Derrick - Council of State Governments Justice Center*
  - *Nicole Sullivan – Exec. Dir. Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, NC*
  - *Marc Levin – Texas Public Policy Foundation*
  - *Gary C. Mohr, Director Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation and Correction*
  - *Sandy Jones, Exec. Dir. Idaho Commission of Pardons and Parole*
- **Take Aways**
  - Parole is an incentive to do programming
  - Probation: “Did you get a probation officer who wanted to be a cop or one that wanted to be a social worker?”
  - Supervise by risk rather than by crime.
  - North Carolina’s Dips and Dunks
    - Dip = 2 to 3 days in jail: wake up call, not a punishment
    - Dunk = 90 days in CRV (Confinement and Response to Violation) Not the prison but similar.
      - Only absconding or committing a new crime gets you in prison.
  - “Short sentences are life sentences.”
  - “Focus on the worst and most likely to re-offend.”
  - MAT – Treatment in Prison is followed by treatment in community

## Overall Take Aways

- Corrections has changed. More people need to know how corrections is done so that there is more public backing for these policy changes
- Data is important. Policies must be defended with data on cost and recidivism
- Need more training of Corrections personnel in proven practices
- Mental health and addiction are intertwined with corrections
- Need more communication and collaboration between Corrections, Mental Health and Behavioral Health (still not quite sure what Behavioral Health is).

## Further Research suggested by Monica Weeber (DOC)

Professor Edward Latessa on principles of risk reduction

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cYRcBgyCmCI>

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